

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

DAVID TROUPE,

Plaintiff,

v.

KENNITH R. BRODHEAD, LINDA W.  
BELANGER, KEVIN WALKER, and  
CHRISTOPHER BOWMAN,

Defendants.

No. 13-CV-5028-EFS

**ORDER ENTERING RULINGS FROM  
APRIL 22, 2015 TELEPHONIC MOTION  
HEARING**

DAVID TROUPE,

Plaintiff,

v.

WALTER END,

Defendant.

No. 13-CV-5036-EFS

DAVID TROUPE,

Plaintiff,

v.

KATRINA SUCKOW, BONNIE KLAHN,  
THOMAS ROE, and DANA O. FAYETTE,

Defendants.

No. 13-CV-5038-EFS

A hearing occurred in the above-captioned matters on April 22, 2015. Plaintiff David Troupe, who represents himself, appeared telephonically from the Washington State Penitentiary (WSP). Assistant Attorney General Amy Clemmons appeared telephonically on

1 behalf of all Defendants in all cases. Before the Court were the  
2 following motions:

3 1. Plaintiff's Injunction Request and Motion to Compel filed  
4 April 3, 2015. 13-CV-5028, ECF No. 134; 13-CV-5036, ECF  
5 No. 69; 13-CV-5038, ECF No. 65.

6 2. Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Amy Clemmons to Destroy all  
7 Non-Essential Medical Records of Plaintiff's filed April  
8 10, 2015. 13-CV-5028, ECF No. 136; 13-CV-5036, ECF No.  
9 72; 13-CV-5038, ECF No. 67.

10 3. Plaintiff's Motion to Allow Deposition Under Rule  
11 32(b)(3)(a) of all Defendants filed April 10, 2015. 13-  
12 CV-5028, ECF No. 137; 13-CV-5036, ECF No. 73; 13-CV-5038,  
13 ECF No. 68.<sup>1</sup>

14 **I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS**

15 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 12(f) permits the Court to  
16 "strike from a pleading . . . any redundant, immaterial, impertinent,  
17 or scandalous matter." At the hearing, "on its own," Fed. R. Civ. P.  
18 12(f)(1), the Court struck paragraph 8 on page 2, paragraph 13 on page  
19 3, and paragraph 1 on page 4 from Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Amy  
20 Clemmons to Destroy all Non-Essential Medical Records of Plaintiff's,  
21 13-CV-5028, ECF No. 136; 13-CV-5036, ECF No. 72; 13-CV-5038, ECF No.  
22 67.

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26 <sup>1</sup> The Court declined to consider this motion at the hearing because  
Defendants had not yet had the chance to respond, but the Court now considers  
the motion because Defendants responded on April 24, 2015. ECF No. 77.

1           **II.    PLAINTIFF'S INJUNCTION REQUEST AND MOTION TO COMPEL**

2           Plaintiff asks the Court to issue an injunction or an order to  
3 compel WSP employees to allow him access to his legal work and to  
4 permit Plaintiff to swap out legal work at least two times a week. He  
5 also requests that the Court warn Ms. Clemmons and her clients that  
6 sanctions may be imposed if they deliberately prevent Plaintiff from  
7 accessing his legal work.

8           In response, Defendants filed a declaration by Custody Unit  
9 Supervisor Charles Pease. Mr. Pease states that Mr. Troupe is subject  
10 to the same property requirements as other inmates. Mr. Troupe is  
11 allowed to keep one box of legal materials in his cell at a time and  
12 may swap the legal materials in his cell for other legal materials  
13 kept in storage. Property is searched each time it is transferred,  
14 and property searches are conducted on a first-come, first-served  
15 basis. Mr. Pease states that Mr. Troupe has four boxes of legal  
16 materials. He was without his legal materials from February 11-27  
17 while they were being searched after his return to WSP. On March 3  
18 and 16, he was allowed to access all of his materials to organize and  
19 label them. On February 27, Mr. Troupe asked to exchange 10 folders  
20 for "any 10" more and also returned 11 folders and requested 21 more.  
21 He received the requested materials on March 3rd. On that same day,  
22 he returned three folders and requested 15 more, which he received on  
23 March 16th (there was a delay because WSP had to clarify which folders  
24 he wanted). Since his return to WSP in February, Mr. Troupe has  
25 received one infraction for keeping contraband in his legal box in his  
26 cell.

1 During the hearing, Mr. Troupe alleged that Mr. Pease lied in  
2 his declaration and that Mr. Troupe has proof that the declaration was  
3 falsified. Mr. Troupe stated that he only had access to his medical  
4 records on April 2, not April 1 and 2 as Mr. Pease declared. Mr.  
5 Troupe also stated that another WSP employee swears he has not given  
6 Mr. Troupe any compact discs (CD) to review, even though Mr. Pease  
7 declared that Mr. Troupe had access to CDs on March 20. Although Mr.  
8 Troupe submitted a reply related to his Motion to Compel Amy Clemmons  
9 to Destroy all Non-Essential Medical Records of Plaintiff's, 13-CV-  
10 5028, ECF No. 145; 13-CV-5036, ECF No. 82; 13-CV-5038, ECF No. 75, and  
11 filed several new motions, *see, e.g.*, 13-CV-5028, ECF Nos. 143, 144 &  
12 146, he did not submit a reply or any other documentation in support  
13 of his Injunction Request and Motion to Compel and the allegations he  
14 made at the hearing.

15 Having carefully reviewed all of the parties' submissions and  
16 listened to their oral argument during the hearing, the Court is  
17 satisfied that the Department of Corrections's (DOC) policies are  
18 reasonable and are being appropriately followed. The Court finds Mr.  
19 Pease's declaration to be credible. The Court concludes that Mr.  
20 Troupe has adequate access to his legal work, taking into account the  
21 necessary safety measures and appropriate penological objectives.<sup>2</sup>  
22 Though it understands the challenges Plaintiff faces in pursuing this  
23 litigation, the Court notes that such challenges are inherent when an  
24 individual chooses to litigate multiple lawsuits simultaneously. The

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25 <sup>2</sup> The fact that Mr. Troupe recently received an infraction for keeping  
26 contraband in his legal box demonstrates the continued necessity of  
heightened safety measures and supports the Court's decision not to interfere  
with DOC's safety procedures.

1 Court has extended time when appropriate to ensure Mr. Troupe is not  
2 denied access to the courts. For the above reasons, Plaintiff's  
3 Injunction Request and Motion to Compel is denied.

4 **III. PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO COMPEL AMY CLEMMONS TO DESTROY ALL NON-**  
5 **ESSENTIAL MEDICAL RECORDS OF PLAINTIFF'S**

6 Plaintiff argues that Ms. Clemmons is in possession of medical  
7 records other than those necessary for the defense. Defendants  
8 respond that the records were produced by stipulation, are subject to  
9 an agreed protective order, and will be destroyed after the litigation  
10 is complete. Plaintiff's reply reiterates the arguments made in his  
11 motion. Plaintiff previously filed a similar motion, 13-CV-5028, ECF  
12 No. 76, which the Court denied, finding that his records were relevant  
13 to the litigation, that they were adequately protected by the Joint  
14 Agreed Protective Order, and that there is no evidence Ms. Clemmons  
15 has failed to abide by the protective order. 13-CV-5028, ECF No. 87.  
16 For these same reasons, Plaintiff's present Motion to Compel Amy  
17 Clemmons to Destroy all Non-Essential Medical Records of Plaintiff's  
18 is also denied.

19 **IV. PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO ALLOW DEPOSITION UNDER RULE 32(B)(3)(A)**

20 Plaintiff asks the Court to allow him to depose Defendants.  
21 Defendants respond that Plaintiff's request does not comply with the  
22 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure because he did not provide written  
23 notice to the opposing party, Fed. R. Civ. P. 30(b)(1), has not  
24 arranged for an appropriate person before whom depositions may be  
25 taken, Fed. R. Civ. P. 28, and did not confer with defense counsel  
26 before filing this motion, Fed. R. Civ. P. 37(a)(2)(A).

1 Although Plaintiff cites Rule 32(b)(3)(A), the Court construes  
2 his motion to reference Rule 30(b)(3)(A) because Rule 32(b)(3)(A) does  
3 not exist. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 32. Rule 30(b)(3)(A) provides that  
4 the party noticing a deposition must state the method of recording the  
5 deposition in the notice and must pay the recording costs. Fed. R.  
6 Civ. P. 30(b)(3)(A). Neither Rule 30 nor the Court's Scheduling Order  
7 requires that the Court give permission for Plaintiff to depose  
8 Defendants. Rule 30 requires the Court's leave if the person being  
9 deposed is confined in prison, but does not address the situation  
10 where the person conducting the deposition is imprisoned. See Fed. R.  
11 Civ. P. 30(a)(2)(B).

12 If Plaintiff seeks to take Defendants' depositions, he must  
13 consult with defense counsel and make arrangements that comply with  
14 the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. No Court action is required, so  
15 Plaintiff's motion is denied as moot in case number 13-CV-5028.<sup>3</sup>  
16 However, because discovery has closed in both 13-CV-5036 and 13-CV-  
17 5038, Plaintiff's motion is denied in these cases.

18 **V. SCHEDULING MATTERS**

19 As the Court informed Mr. Troupe at the hearing, it finds no  
20 reason at present to revisit the timelines set forth in its scheduling  
21 orders. The Court has previously extended deadlines upon motion of  
22 either party and a showing of good cause. No such motions are pending  
23 presently. Additionally, the Court will not re-open the discovery  
24 period in 13-CV-5036 and 13-CV-5038 because the discovery cutoff has  
25 already passed and no motions for extension were filed.

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26 <sup>3</sup> The discovery cutoff in 13-CV-5028 is May 6, 2015. Second Amended  
Scheduling Order, ECF No. 130.

VI. CONCLUSION

Accordingly, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:**

1. Paragraph 8 on page 2, paragraph 13 on page 3, and paragraph 1 on page 4 of Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Amy Clemmons to Destroy all Non-Essential Medical Records of Plaintiff's, **13-CV-5028, ECF No. 136; 13-CV-5036, ECF No. 72; 13-CV-5038, ECF No. 67** are **STRICKEN**.
2. Plaintiff's Injunction Request and Motion to Compel, **13-CV-5028, ECF No. 134; 13-CV-5036, ECF No. 69; 13-CV-5038, ECF No. 65**, is **DENIED**.
3. Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Amy Clemmons to Destroy all Non-Essential Medical Records of Plaintiff's, **13-CV-5028, ECF No. 136; 13-CV-5036, ECF No. 72; 13-CV-5038, ECF No. 67**, is **DENIED**.
4. Plaintiff's Motion to Allow Deposition Under Rule 32(b)(3)(a) of all Defendants in case number **13-CV-5028, ECF No. 137**, is **DENIED AS MOOT**. Plaintiff's Motion to Allow Deposition Under Rule 32(b)(3)(a) of all Defendants in case numbers **13-CV-5036, ECF No. 73**, and **13-CV-5038, ECF No. 68**, is **DENIED**.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.** The Clerk's Office is directed to enter this Order and provide copies to counsel and Mr. Troupe.

**DATED** this 27<sup>th</sup> day of April 2015.

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s/Edward F. Shea  
EDWARD F. SHEA  
Senior United States District Judge